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LETTER DATED 8 JANUARY 1998 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 18 June 1997 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations (A/52/186-S/1997/477), I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a note dated 11 June 1997 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Tehran (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Majid TAKHT-RAVANCHI
Ambassador
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Annex

Note verbale dated 11 June 1997 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Tehran and, with reference to the note of 20 May 1997 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates to the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Abu Dhabi and pursuant to the note of 28 May 1997 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Tehran, as well as the note of 1 June 1997 from the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Abu Dhabi to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, has the honour to state the following:

The Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran considers the assertions contained in the above-mentioned letter to constitute interference in its internal affairs and categorically rejects them.